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## ***Feminist Majority Endorses Marisa DeFranco For US House of Representatives from MA-06***

The Feminist Majority is proud to announce our endorsement of Marisa DeFranco for U.S. House of Representatives from Massachusetts 6th district.

Eleanor Smeal, President of the Feminist Majority stated: "Marisa DeFranco is a long-time and very strong advocate for women's rights, immigrants, and children in foster care. She is a tireless worker and leader on a wide range of issues that advance women's equality. Marisa is a leader that we need in Congress to advance women's pay equity, as well as immigration reform, LGBT rights, and social justice issues such as ending sex trafficking."

DeFranco, an immigration attorney for the past 17 years, was named Top Woman of Law by the Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly and received national recognition by being awarded the National Legal Aid and Defender Association's Beacon of Justice Award for her pro bono service. She has been a leader in the National Organization for Women, serving as the Vice President of Legislative Policy for Massachusetts NOW. She also served on the Massachusetts Commission on the Status of Women. Marisa has shown time and time again that she is a strong spokesperson and advocate for equal pay for women, for ending violence against women, for civil rights and disability rights.

Marisa said: "I am honored to have the endorsement of the Feminist Majority. Without pioneers like Eleanor Smeal who fought for women to be recognized as equal under the law, women like me would never have had the independence to pursue our dreams as we do today. The fight continues to ensure women's rights and equality and freedom, and I am grateful that the Feminist Majority joins me in my fight to speak truth to power and to bring a voice to Congress for justice, for women and for all."